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## Amendments to the Specification

Page 1, after the title please insert the following heading and paragraph as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) from U.S. provisional application no. 60/248,191, filed November 15, 2000, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Page 1, please delete paragraph [0002] in its entirety.

Page 16, line 10, please replace paragraph [0029] with the following amended paragraph:

[0029] Figures 5A-5B show the sequence of the cDNA (SEQ ID NO:1) encoding C21. The open reading frame is indicated in CAPITOL letters. The WD-sequence regions are shaded, and the potential phosphorylation site sequence is underlined.